AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus incorporating no image memory, comprising:

an input device for receiving image data as an input;

~~transfer means~~ a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via a network;

a key for generating a memory recall signal in response to operation of the key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;

a reception portion ~~means~~ for receiving the image data stored in the image memory in accordance with the signal; and

a printing device for forming an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion ~~means~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a retrieval portion ~~means~~ for retrieving the image data in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network.

3.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim

2, wherein the ~~transfer means~~ transfer portion transfers the image data to the image

memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus retrieved by the retrieval portion

~~means~~.

4.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim

2, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion means

can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

5.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim

2, further comprising:

a transfer instruction device ~~means~~ for inputting a data transfer

instruction in response to operation by a user, wherein

the retrieval portion ~~means~~ retrieves the image data in the image

memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus when the data transfer instruction is

inputted.

6.   (Original) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein

the key is displayed on a display device.

7.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim

6, wherein the key is displayed when the retrieval portion ~~means~~ identifies a

memory-incorporating apparatus, whereas the key is not displayed when the

retrieval portion ~~means~~ identifies no memory-incorporating apparatus.

8.   (Original) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein

the key is displayed on the display device during or after image forming operation by

the printing device with use of image data inputted by the input device.

9.   (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus incorporating no

image memory, comprising:

a reading device for creating image data by reading an image

document;

a buffer for holding the image data created by the reading device;

a printing device for forming a copy of the image document on a sheet

of paper based on the image data held in the buffer;

~~transfer means~~ a transfer portion for transferring the image data stored

in the buffer to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus connected to

a network via the network;

a key for generating a memory recall signal in response to operation of

the key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to

the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input

device via the network;

a reception portion ~~means~~ for receiving the image data stored in the

image memory in accordance with the signal; and

a control unit ~~means~~ for controlling the printing device which forms an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion ~~means~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, further comprising:

a retrieval means for retrieving the image data from the image memory in the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the network.

11.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, wherein the ~~transfer means~~ transfer portion transfers the image data to the memory-incorporating apparatus retrieved by the retrieval portion ~~means~~.

12.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a warning device for informing a user that the retrieval portion ~~means~~ can not identify any memory-incorporating apparatus.

13.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a transfer instruction device ~~means~~ for inputting a data transfer instruction in response to operation by a user, wherein

the retrieval portion ~~means~~ retrieves the image data from the image memory in the memory-incorporating apparatus when the data transfer instruction is inputted.

14.   (Original) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 9, wherein the key is displayed on a display device.

15.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the key is displayed when the retrieval portion ~~means~~ identifies a memory-incorporating apparatus, whereas the key is not displayed when the retrieval portion ~~means~~ identifies no memory-incorporating apparatus.

16.   (Original) The image forming apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein the key is displayed on a display device during or after image forming operation by the printing device with use of image data inputted by the input device.

17.   (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus incorporating no image memory, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving image data as an input;

transferring the received image data to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus connected to a network via the network;

generating a memory recall signal in response to key operation by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;

receiving the image data stored in the image memory in accordance with the signal; and

forming an image with use of the received image data.

18.   (Currently Amended) An image forming method for an image forming apparatus incorporating no image memory, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;

holding the image data created with the reading device in a buffer;

forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data stored in the buffer;

transferring the image data held in the buffer to an image memory of a memory-incorporating apparatus connected to a network via the network;

generating a <u>memory recall</u> signal in response to key operation by a user <u>after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network</u>;

receiving the image data stored in the image memory in accordance with the signal; and

forming an image with use of the received image data.

19.   (Currently Amended) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus incorporating no image memory via a network, the image forming system comprising:

an input device for receiving image data as an input;

transfer means a transfer portion for transferring the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a key for generating a memory recall signal in response to operation of the key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;

a reception portion means for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and

a printing device for forming an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion means.

20.   (Currently Amended) An image forming system for connecting a memory-incorporating apparatus incorporating an image memory which can store image data to an image forming apparatus incorporating no image memory via a network, the image forming system comprising:

a reading device for creating image data by reading an image document with a reading device;

a buffer for holding the image data created with the reading device;

a printing device for forming a copy of the image document on a sheet of paper based on the image data held in the buffer;

transfer means a transfer portion for transferring the image data held in the buffer to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus;

a key for generating a memory recall signal in response to operation of the key by a user after a transfer of the image data received by the input device to the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus connected to the input device via the network;

a reception portion means for receiving the image data stored in the image memory of the memory-incorporating apparatus in accordance with the signal; and

a control unit means for controlling the printing device which forms an image with use of the image data received by the reception portion means.